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I would like to file a comment strongly condemning the aspect of this law that violates the fundamental freedoms of our Constitution that protect us against government coercion against the moral conscience of its citizens. Under this law, every insured, insurer, employer, and policy implementer included under the *Health Care Reform* mandates would be coerced into cooperating through insurance premiums and tax dollars, or through actualizing policy mandates in these state-driven and ideologically based violations of a true understanding of human reproduction. Pregnancy is not a disease to be prevented and contraception should not be a mandated "preventive health service."

Respect for conscience is foundational to a just society. At a minimum a robust conscience protection should be granted, not only for all religious employers, but also for all employers, insurers, and policy issuers with moral, ethical, or religious objections. As it is, the limitations contained in the regulations for religious employers make the exemption virtually meaningless. I urge you to address this gross violation of religious freedom by the United States Government and ensure that no institution, persons or medical facilities be forced to perform procedures that harms innocent human life.

Respectfully,

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